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North Dakota

Winter wheat seeded area in North Dakota for harvest in 2005 is estimated at 260,000 acres, up from the 2004 crop of 245,000 acres, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. At 260,000 acres, the 2005 crop acreage is the highest since the 1986 crop of 520,000 acres. The record high is 750,000 acres in 1985 while the record low is 25,000 acres in 1966. The first winter wheat estimates were recorded in 1964 for North Dakota.

United States

Planted area for harvest in 2005 is estimated at 41.6 million acres. This is down 4 percent from 2004. Seeding began last August and advanced ahead of the 5-year average pace until the middle of October, when wet weather slowed progress. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1. Most remaining intended area is in the Southeast and California.

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State ^{1/}	Acres Planted Crop of			2005 Pct of 2004
	2003	2004	2005	
	--- 1,000 Acres ---			- Pct -
North Dakota	130	245	260	106
Colorado	2,600	2,300	2,650	115
Kansas	10,500	10,000	10,100	101
Nebraska	1,900	1,850	1,850	100
Oklahoma	6,700	6,200	5,800	94
Texas	6,600	6,300	5,800	92
Washington	1,850	1,800	1,900	106
United States	45,384	43,350	41,567	96

^{1/} Published are a few selected states from the National release.

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